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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Greetings:

The following is filed in timely response to the non-final Office Action mailed on August 24, 2005, wherein the Examiner:

1. Rejected Claim 1 under Section 103(a) as unpatentable over *Hines et al.*, U.S. Patent No. 3,778,159, in view of *Mehnert*, U.S. Patent No. 4,319,332.
2. Rejected Claim 2 under Section 103(a) as unpatentable over *Hines et al.*, in view of *Mehnert* as applied to Claim 1, and further in view of *Barna et al.*, U.S. Patent No. 6,452,666.
3. Rejected Claim 3 under Section 103(a) as unpatentable over *Hines et al.*, in view of *Mehnert* as applied to Claim 1, and further in view of *Akasu*, U.S. Patent No. 5,179,286.

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4. Rejected Claims 4 and 5 under Section 103(a) as unpatentable over *Hines et al.*, in view of *Mehnert* as applied to Claim 1, and further in view of *Haruyama*, Japanese Publication No. 10-285227.

5. Rejected Claim 7 under Section 103(a) as unpatentable over *Hines et al.*, in view of *Mehnert* as applied to Claim 1, and further in view of *Ishikawa et al.*, U.S. Patent No. 4,891,624.

6. Rejected Claim 8 under Section 103(a) as unpatentable over *Hines et al.*, in view of *Mehnert* as applied to Claim 1, and further in view of *Ichikawa et al.*, Japanese Publication No. 6-51062.

7. Found Claim 6 allowable if rewritten to be independent of the rejected base claims.

8. Noted that the certified copy of the priority document has not yet been received.

The following amendments and remarks are submitted in response.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.

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